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*Previous References*
Geol 130-24 (1-2)
Geol 6-15 (11 to 13, 15-19)

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*Later references.*
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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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*Serial Nos.* Eighty

**Part B for** January 26

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SUBJECT

Complaint of Mr. F. Lynn C.I.M Station against the Grant of licenses and leases in favour of messrs C.M Trussler and A.H Burnet.

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I.C 5036-7 of 25.1.26

Director of Geology
Comptroller to Govt

Passed Order on the _____

Delegating certain powers to the office Assistant to the Director of Geology

Mumbai

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Genl)

NOTES.

File No. 5/25

FILE HEADING.

Complaint of Mr P. Lyon C of H. Salem, exempt the grant of Licenses Houses in favour of Messrs C. M. Insoles A. W. Burnett

From

~~Mr Lyon~~ Mr. P. Lyon

Petition

No. ~~Petition~~ Dated 17/10/25 Received 20/10/25

| Diary No. 2070 | Enclos. | Spare Copies. | Serial No. 1 |
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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Dewan's minute on the Petn :—

Rev. Secy. to Govt with Compliments for favour of obtaining a report from the Genl. Depts

(Sd) A.R.B
18.10.25

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Secretariat File No. 5-1 of 1925

Serial No

1 Dated receipt of draft

21/10/25 Dft. approved for formal typing

R Secy 22/10

4/ 1st member 22/10

459. 22.10.25

5 The letter may be issued (under Secy's) signature as a D.O. Letter from Govt.

Revised

22/10

2 To

The Director of Land Records, Madras

25 copies for enquiry report before the end of this month

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT 31 OCT 1925 INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE

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PUBLICITY OFFICE

ABSTRACT OF NEWSPAPER INTELLIGENCE.

*Date*....16th November 1933.

| Heading of article | Name of newspaper, date and page | Subject |
|---|---|---|
| 358.The Administration of the Geological department. | Viswakarnataka. 15-11. | States that several letters are being received that everything is not well in the department and publishes extracts from two letters one regarding mis-use of money and another about the granting of remission to Mr. Treasler for mining operations by the Manager of the office and states that Govt. should punish the wrong-doers in thename of justice and the [illegible] right behaviour of Govt. officers. |
| 359.Misappropriation or what? | Mysore Chronicle 15-11. | The two letters mentioned above are published in English under the heading "Misappropriation or what" and "Treaslers Enterprise Criticises the existing condition in the grant-in-aid Code about one-fourth of the expenditure of the schools being guaranteed from investments and Trust funds, and states that it is not conceived in the best spirit and hopes that a more liberal and wholesome policy in regard to private educational effort will be inflicted by Govt. |
| 360. The Mi[illegible] Primary Schools | - do - | |

Rev. Levy
(with Compts)

RB
16/11

[illegible] SECRETARIAT [illegible] BRANCH [illegible]

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ROUTINE NOTES.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record]

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9) As permanent [illegible] in the Despatch extracts orders of 8 not have been issued.

+ See page 3 para 10) As required [illegible] 2) the Dir of Geol have been asked to make some enquiries in to the case + submit a report the lines also have permitted to expedite — the Librarian getting same (Despatch)

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J + (No 3164 of 10.11.25

+ " 3334 of 17.11.25)

26 US 11) To Journal-

18/11/25 RSeq

Geol

USP 18/11

(2) - Reports

12) Comm - May be

Geol

13) The points noted in

Despatch - in the

Director of Geological Survey should

Library Committee should

be made use of by

USP 18/11

18/11.

*N. B.*- Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must de copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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| | Reminder issued No 9.C. 3334 dt 17/11/25 |
| 3 | From the Dir of Genl No C/470 dt 17.11.25 forwards the report called for in dt 2. |
| | Secy's note on the original letter 14) Filed to 1st member for kind perusal in the first instance (sd) B. S. 17.11.25 |
| | Member's order:— 15) Seen this may be worked up & filed early Please see my marginal remarks in pencil (sd) K.R.S. |
| | 16) Asstt Secy's note (sd) B.S. 7/11. Urgent & Confidential (sd) V.V 18/11/25 |
| No. G. 3589-90 / Genl. 6-15-16 N | 17) The G. O. dt 13.9.16 authorising the then Registrar Genl deputed to sign all communications of ordinary nature during the absence of the Dir from Hd. Qrs. & the G.O issued in the matter of signing bills in urgent cases & the procedure to be adopted thereafter by the office assistant are put up for perusal (Para 24 p.n.c.) |
| J. C. 4719-28 / Genl. 130-24-2 M dt 13/5/25 | 18) Papers called for in Secy's 19 p.n.c. dt nil. Cases of messrs: Tinsdale |
| Genl. 70-24 L<br>71-24 K1<br>91-24 J1 | |

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Genl. 125. 24 (linked)

and Barratt and these registered to in heave 22 of 6 M.D & hence 13 of office note (page 4) were put up & the Dir of Genl States that in these cases the drafts have not been seen by the Dir at all

19) For orders

20/11/25 — 20) The letters to Govt alluded to in Mr Sen's report have all been signed by the Offg Asst Mr Swami Chetty & he has marked for Director - Absent from station - Subd for formal issue with the previous refs —

WG 19/11/25

RSo/

21) Hon'ble Director's report is full and the reasons required are put up - Hon'ble The application for revision of the block made by M Isaac must have been dealt with by Mr Jagga and himself as soon after it came to office - evidence from the fact of his having signed Flag K himself

22) The previous communications by the are signed by A Sami Chetty for the Director The reasons put up show that there are no orders of Govt permitting A. Chetty to issue communications by the - Vide notes leading to Flag N, - Which authorised the Director to permit his office asst to sign bills in urgent cases

24 US

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23) The Secty shd not have omitted to note this irregularity.

24) Orders may now issue & hostilities such practice.

25) The Hon M. Sen's report leads to show no sufficient against M Saran Chetty, Under the circumstances, there is nothing further to be done for bringing further action

26) Orders have issued sanctioning his retirement pension.

(Mr Marten) 25.11.25

25.11 25/11/25

27) Mr Saran Chetty's retirement has very been ordered already in another connection & does not think any further action is necessary in respect of the charges against him as there is no clear evidence in support of them

28) As regards the power to be exercised by this Govt which he does not appear from Mr Sen's report that a considerable amount of hesitation had been given to Mr Swaminathy by Mr Jayaram who Evidently treated in his remarks Judgment. Mr Sen this under delegation of power & the Auditors in doing & give cause for the abuse of the powers & is desirable to define them clearly for the future Guidance of the Officers Dr Du may therefore be asked to

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|---|---|
| 1 | Submit a draft memo defining the powers of the office Assistant for the perusal & approval of Govt |
| | 2) Then may be submitted Dewan under reply to the order on the petn of Mr. Lyon |
| | Dewan) 3) Submitted to A |
| | 30.11 |
| | 30/11 |
| | 31) Draft filed for appd |
| 72 / 3.12 | 32) Off for appd 1/12/25 |
| | 33) 1st meeting) 2/12. |
| | 34) Draft & memo. appd. 2/12 |
| | 35) A few typed drafts as memo were placed in the file |
| | 36) Submitted 5/12 4/12 |
| 4 | To the Dist of Salem No 9 C 3858 dt 5.12.25 Requested him to submit for the appd of Govt a draft memo defining the powers &c. of the office Assistant |

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of 1925.

Serial No 5-

IV

From the Dir of Genl
no. C/470-2 dt 15-12-25
submits for the appl of Govt.
a draft memo describing the
powers duties &c of the office
held by the Dir of Genl

37 Legs note against para 5 of D.O.
& thus Correct
1) Kind attention is invited to
G. O. no. S.C. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
G. 3585-90/Genl 6-15-16 dt 13.5.16
which authorises the C.A. (then Dept
to sign facts Copies addressed Govt
during the absence of the Dir.
from Head Qrs
2) para b cl. (1) what classes
of bills - should be described".
If agreed the information will
be obtained from the Dir
Genl for orders with regard
as 16/12/25 — VS Chk will please
bring up WP 17/12
38 Please ~~xx~~ enquire
WP 19/12

39 Draft Submd
as 19/12/25 — VS R/Secy WP
19/12

40 Regret this did not come to my notice
be signed by the Officiating Dy Comptr I

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Notice a case of this kind -
41 It is better that the classes of bills which the O.A may sign for should are specified In other respects the Office should A/ purposes ~~Depts~~ may be appointed
Designations particulars
Ld. number)

1550/22.12

21-12

WP 22/12

22/12 42 Issued WP 23/12

6 To

The Director of Geol
No 28. 4305 of 26/12
With Reference to ~~see~~ Request this
to furnish for the purposes of Govt the
classes of bills that may be so
signed by the Office Asst

7 Letter No. C.4704 dated the 8th January 1926 from the Director of Geology stating that the Office Assistant may be empowered to sign the Establishment Salary Bills and D.C. Bills during the Director's absence

43 Subs for orders with reference to paras 28 and 30 Supra. (pp: 7—8)

44 The powers which the Office Assistant is proposed to be invested with are Contain in the Director's letter of 15th Dec 1925.

Ld. 8.1.26. VP RSW WP 8/1

45 A.G.S. Put up draft order with file for Consideration 8/1.

Prof B 10/1/26

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| Serial No | |
|---|---|
| | 4b Draft. Submd for Consideration. Rec. Sect. 16/1 |
| 459 19/1 | V.P. Member) Draft returned 48/1/26 |
| | 18/1 |
| | 20/1 |
| | Issue 20/1/26 |
| 8 | To. The Director of Genl Complete to file No Dc. 5036-7 Dy 25/1/26 Passes order delegating certain powers to the Office Assistant to the Director of Genl. |

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE

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Ec N. 51-25-1

Petn No. 40
19.10.25

Bangalore ~~Cantt~~
17th October 1925

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To

Sir. A. R. Banerjee, M.A. & C.S. elc
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Revenue Secretary to Govt., with compliments, for favour of obtaining a report from the Geological Department.

Ec N 57-25-1

Honored Sir 18-10-1925

With due regards I beg to Complain that Mr C M Dresser of H. A. Coles Road & Mr A. H. Burrell of 7 Danvers Road Richards Town, both residing with in C & M. Station, & Bangalore, the former Gentleman is from Punjab, & the Latter Gentleman is from Bombay Presidency. Tho both these Gentlemen have received the Approval Certificates from the Geological Department stating that are recognized as Subjects of Mysore And that Mr C. M. Dresser got the Licence from the Geological Dept for several Manganese Mines And owns the said Mr C. M Dresser sold the Manganese Mines to Mr

4) Mysoreans will be encouraged & the problem of un-employment will be solved. Many Graduates who are seeking for Office work will resort to Mining. If the licence is granted without very heavy Capital to produce, Then encouragement will be given by Banks & Co-operative Society in order to encourage Young Blood & increase the Revenue of Mysore Darbar.

If Your Honour command to see this done, it will be a great & Noble Reform & all will remember Your Honour in days to come, & all will pray for the prosperity of Mysore Darbar.

Yours Obediently

P. Lynn.

P. LYNN

15. Rattnasingh Road,

Fraser Town,

Bangalore Cant.

Mr A. H. Burnett of Richards town,
And that the Transfer of his licence
is still pending - but probably
it will take place on Monday the
19th October 1925; If you Honour
go into this Case through the 2nd
Councillar of the Mysore Government
it will surprise you to know that
Mr Chelly the Manager of Ecological
Office of Bangalore, as it was one
of them through Mr C.M. Dresbon influence
and now it transpired that Mr Burnett
has to pay Mr Chelly Rs 40,000/= as his
share, because Mr C.M. Dresbon
is handing over his licence to Mr
A.H. Burnett, Last month the New
Mysore Prospecting Company had a
meeting in which Mr Chelly the Manager
of Ecological Fin took great interest of Mr C. Naidu
B.A, B.L Advocate of Sannery Road
Bangalore - dissolved the Company &
The Agreement & the Office Accounts
are with Mr Burnett -

Honoured Sir As the Land is
given for Cultivation & the rel-

observing any rule; for as much the
waste land is cultivated the Govt gets the
Revenue, on the same basis, grant-
licence to any Gentleman capable of
undertaking Mining work & pay the
Royalty to Mysore Govt; then many
Gentleman of ap. Country who are
pretending to be the Subjects of H. H.
The Maharaj of Mysore; in order to get
licence, through the approval Certificate
they may get. by influencing the Office
Lords of the Department. Such is the
Case of Mr C M. Gresson & Mr. D.H. Burnell,
who are not Mysore Province People
but. they got the approval Certificate
of licences, through the influence
of the Lords of the Dept. As a Native
of Mysore Durbar & to fascinate
the Capitalist to invest in Mining
from all parts of India; will
very good to all the Mysoreans
who are waiting for employm
in Manganese Mines and
the Govt help by finance

(Encl. 1.)

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15, Rathna Singh Road,
Fraser Town,
30.10.25.

A. M. Sen, Esquire, M.Sc., etc.,

Dear Sir,

I herein enclose a very short History of the Syndicate and if you press Mr. A.H. Burrett he will produce all the Documents I have seen all these, so more light will fall on this Syndicate converted to Company and the resurection in "A.H. Burrett & Co." Actually it is not a transfer of the license, but a sale as Mr. Burrett has to pay 7000/- and on this payment he has advertised as "Mine Owners"

I have a little business hence I enclose instead of my coming tomorrow.

Yours faithfully,

Sd. P. Lynn.

I shall see you if you want me at any time.

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The "New Mysore Prospecting Syndicate but now known as Company was formed by Mr. Fullinfaw and Mr. C.M. Fresslor about November 1924 - then Mr Burrett joined as Financial Partner also Mr. Swamy Chetty the Manager of Geological Office was frequenting and aiding the Syndicate and spent much of his time in helping the Syndicate. Further Mr. S.S. Setlur, B.A., L.L.B., High Court Advocate of City was also corresponding to become one in the Syndicate; Mr. Fullinfaw requested Mr. Smaller, Mr. Peacock and Mr. Lynn to join them as Working Partners but the latter three left as they had no faith in Mr. Fresslor's action, but (?) Mr. Smaller worked for a very long time.

II. Mr. A. H. Burrett gave 4 or 5 thousand to Mr.Tresslor for the Syndicate, and Mr.Tresslor had it in the Bank of Mysore on his own name.

III. About 19th October 1925, there was a great Meeting about the Syndicate which had to verify accounts for misunderstanding and to convince the parties, Mr.Fullinfaw and Mr.Burrett also Mr. Sastry,B.A., brother of Sub-Inspector of Station Police Ulsoor, Mr.Swamy Chetty the Manager of Geological Office, Mr.C. Naidu,B.A., B.L., Advocate, Mr.A.H. Burrett's friend Mr.Huskins and other gentlemen attended; the former two gentlemen told me this and it came to light Mr.Swamy Chetty purchased two shares of the Syndicate for Rs.4000/-

IV. The transfer of the Mines and its license from Mr.Tresslor to Mr.Burrett was conditional that Mr.Burrett has to pay Mr.Swamy Chetty Rs.4000/- and to forego Rs.2000/- which Mr.Tresslor got on Pronote, also Rs.1000/- which Mr.Fullinfaw received on Pronote to be cancelled, because Mr . Burrett is going to be a Mine owner and Mr. Tresslor to enjoy the Manganese of Janihar Mines; all this is in documents which Mr.Burrett will produce, as an Advocate has drawn.

Now"A.H. Burrett & Co." Mine Owners of Kesapur Mine have advertised in Statesman and Times of India.

Sd. P. Lynn.

29. 10. 25.

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Copy.

17.11.25.

Offg.Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

(Encl 2). 7

26th October 1925.

Called at Mr.C.M. Tresslor's house at 4.Coles Road, Cleveland T
Town, Bangalore Cantonment

Mr. Trosslor says that he and Mr. Burrett have advanced the capital for working the Manganese Mines at Keshapur, the total amount being about Rs.18 to Rs.19000. The exact proportion of money paid by him cannot be stated by him definitely now without seeing the account books.

He says the New Mysore Prospecting Company has been started by him only while Mr.Burrett has advanced him a part of the capital to work the mines, and sell the ores There is no other shareholder or partner in the working of the Mines

Mr.Fulainfaw is working as Superintendent of the Mines without any fixed pay but he would get a share of the profits if any on a commission basis; to meet his expenses he is paid monthly an amount not less than Rs.100/- together with his travelling expenses in addition.

Mr. Sawmy Chetty has no share or interest in the working of these mines, and he has nothing to do with the Company.

Mr. Tresslor lived in the Punjab for 13 years, at Calcutta 5 years, at Bangalore over 5 years

The above statement is taken down by me.

Sd. A. M. Sen.

26. 10. 25.

The above statement is quite correct,

Sd. C. M. Tresslor.

26. 10. 25.

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Copy.

A.M.Sen 17.11.25.

Offg. Director,
...e Geological Department.

(Encl 3).

28th October 1925.

I saw Mr. A. H. Burrett at his residence at 7, Davies Road, Richard's Town, Bangalore, and the following statement is given by him to me

He says, I have joined Mr. Tresslor as a partner, advancing about Rs.11000 in cash for working the manganese mines of Mr. Tresslor in the Chitaldrug District. This was done about August 1924.

"So far as I am aware, I do not know any thing about Mr. Tresslor's Company, until I joined him in August 1924. At present we are the only two partners working the mines. I have asked for transferring the Neshapur mine to my name, and this application is now at the office of the Geological Department.

"Mr. Fullin Faw is appointed as Superintendent of the mine on a fixed pay of Rs.100/- p.m. with travelling expenses in addition. He has also been offered a certain amount of the net profits as a bonus.

"As far as I know, Mr. Sawmy Chetty has nothing to do with us in the working of the mines and he has no interests in these mines. I have not got any thing to give to Mr. Sawmy Chetty, if the transfer of the Neshapur mine to me is sanctioned by the Government.

"I lived mostly in the Bombay Presidency where I was employed in the G.I.P. Railway. I have settled down at Bangalore for nearly a year and a half.

"The accounts of the mines are kept by Mr. Fullin Faw and I have no paper with me connected with the accounts."

Sd. A. H. Burrett.

28. 10. 25.

The above statement is written by me in the presence of Mr. Burrett.

Sd. A. L. Sen.
28. 10. 25

Copy.

17.11.25.

Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

(Encl 4) 10

THE NEW MYSORE PROSPECTING COMPANY

B A N G A L O R E

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4 SHARES ---- SHARES CERTIFICATE ---- Rs. 2000 EACH.

Received from A. H. Burrett, Esquire in all from time to time Rupees Eight Thousand only being the amount of four Shares of Rupees Two Thousand each, taken by him in the New Mysore Prospecting Company as mentioned in the Articles of Agreement, dated the 26th day of April 1925.

Witness.

Sd. C.S. Naidu.

Sd. C. M. Fresslor.

Sd. A. H. Burrett.

Bangalore,
29th. 4.25.

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Copy.

17.11.25.

Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

(Encl 5)

With reference to the allegations brought against me by Mr.Lynn, I beg to offer my explanation as follows:-

(a) I am not or I was not a party of the New Mysore Prospecting Company and I do not know much of Mr.C.M.Tresslor. I know him no more than I know any other applicant for licenses or leases. The same case with regard to Mr.Burrett. The sum of Rs.4000/- to me is a piece of falsehood which cannot hold water at all. Neither was it offered nor did I demand it. The matter is a surprise to me.

(b) I had no reason to take any interest in the Company as I had nothing to do with it and was precluded from taking any interest being a Government Servant. I am not aware of the dissolutions &c.

(c) For the same reason set forth in the above, I could not aid the Syndicate in any manner.

(d) I did not attend the meeting and I do not hold any shares in the Syndicate.

14th Nov 28

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SUBJECT

Section Estt

File No. 57-25

Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to 270

No. dc 2706 dt 23/10/25

To The Dir. of Estt

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 23 10 25

Signed by Dr B. S. Gour

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the statement of particulars of 10/25 passed and signed by Rahimsahib Road, C&M Station Bangalore, applying for grant of Licence to Class II Officer to the Dist of Kolar in connection with the grant of Certificate of approval & of prospecting licences in favour of Russian Com-

List of enclosures

Copied by

Examined by

over

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Inspector A. H. Barrett; and

I am instructed to request

you to kindly enquire into

the case and submit a

detailed report on the

points raised in the

petition. If any of the

persons mentioned

[illegible] you

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Reg to Secret

Rec'd

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M. G. D. 12]

Dated Bangalore, 17th November 1925.

No. C/470 (5 Encls. and original petition)

Confidential.

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GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
18 NOV 1925
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

FROM

A. M. Sen, Esquire, M.Sc., F.G.S.,
~~B. RAMA RAO, ESQUIRE, F.G.S.~~
Offg. *Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

To

B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Encl 51-25-3

Submitted to
Hon'ble Member
for kind perusal.
& Necessary action
h
17-11-25

SIR,

In reference to your D.O.No.I.C.2706/Geol.51-25-2, dated 23rd October 1925, and D.O.3164/Geol., dated 10th November 1925, in connection with a petition from Mr.P. Lynn of Fraser Town, Bangalore complaining against Mr.P.Sawmy Chetty, Office Assistant, on certain matters, I have the honour to state that I have made enquiries in this connection and the results thereof are submitted herewith

2. The charges brought by Mr.Lynn may be summarised as hereunder:-

(1) Messrs. M. Tresslor and A. H. Burrett, both coming from outside the Mysore State, have received certificates of approval from the Geological Department.

(2) Mr. C.M. Tresslor got license from the Geological Department for several manganese mines.

(3) Mr. C. M. Tresslor has sold the manganese mines to Mr. Burrett and the transfer of this license is still pending which would most probably take place on Monday, the 19th October 1925.

(4) Mr.Sawmi Chetty the Manager of the Geological Office, is or was one of the above party through Mr.C.M. Tresslor's influence, and Mr. Burrett has to pay Mr.Chetty Rs.4000/- as his

share, because Mr. Tresslor is handing over the license to Mr. Burrett.

(5) Last month (i.e. in September) the New Mysore Prospecting Company had a meeting in which Mr.Chetty the Manager of the Geological Office took great interest and Mr.C.M. Naidu, B.A.,B.L., Advocate of Tannery Road, Bangalore, dissolved the Company and the agreement and the office accounts are with Mr. Burrett. Mr. Chetty was aiding the Syndicate and spent much of his time in helping the Syndicate (6) Mr, Chetty attended a meeting of the Syndicate about 19th October 1925 and purchased two shares of the Syndicate for Rs.4000/-.

3. These are the principal charges brought by the complainant, the first three with regard to Messrs. Tresslor & Burrett and the last three with regard to Mr.Sawmi Chetty. The remaining portion of the petition deals mostly with the capital which may be used in the Mysore State not only by the Mysore capitalists but also by people from outside and it also says something about the unemployment problem in the State. I leave these matters in the hands of the Government for their consideration and I do not propose to deal with them here.

4. On receiving the petition, I sent for Mr.P.Lynn who saw me twice at my residence. I asked him about the subject of his complaint; he explained, to me the situation and to amplify the complaint, he sent me further details in writing a copy of which is enclosed herewith (Enc.1). I will now deal with the charges in the order stated above noting the results of my enquiries.

(1) It is true that Mr.C.M. Tresslor and Mr.A.n.Burrett have received certificates of approval from the Geological Department, the grant of the certificates being sanctioned by Government. Mr.Tresslor holds the Certificate No.88, dated 3rd December 1924 and renewed on 23rd. February 1925 and Mr.Burrett the Certificate No.89, dated 3rd December. 1924 and renewed on 27th February 1925.

It is also true that Mr.Tresslor lived a number of years in the Punjab and Mr. Burrett in the Bombay Presidency as mentioned in their statements to me (Encls.2 & 3 respectively There is nothing in our rules against people coming from outside the State to hold certificates of approval of the Mysore Government and to do mining work here In fact our best customers who pay the Government greater portion of the mining revenues in the form of royalty come from outside the State; and as such this charge has not got any value and it may not be taken any notice of.

(2) It is true Mr.C.M. Tresslor has been granted by Government under the new rules two prospecting licenses-for manganese ores in the Chitaldrug District. One of these licenses for the Shivagange area has lately been issued to Mr Tresslor while another for the Neshapur area has not yet been issued as the Forest Department has taken objection to the inclusion of certain parts in the license area, which lie within the limits of the Nirthadi State Forest.

5. Moreover Mr Tresslor submitted an application for the revision of the area already granted to him and in the revised block he included areas which were then being examined by me and Mr. Venkataramaiya under the special order of Government in March and April 1925. As I took objection to the revision of the block until our examination was completed, Mr. Tresslor was ordered by Government not to carry on any further operations in the revised area until the revision of the block was finally sanctioned by Government. Mr.Tresslor was however permitted by the Geological Department to carry on his work in the old area already sanctioned by Government from 23rd February 1925. But in the mean while as the Forest Department raised an objection as already stated recommendation to Government for the grant of the revised area has been held back and I am told Mr.Tresslor has approached the Forest Department on the subject.

6 Thus it may be seen Mr. Tresslor has got only two licenses for manganese one of which has not yet been issued and is awaiting the decision of the Forest Department, and orders of Government for revision.

(3) Mr. Tresslor has in his letter of the 2nd October 1925, applied

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to this Department for the transfer of his license of the Keshapur area (which has not yet been issued as stated above) to Mr.Burrett. But he has been told that such a transfer cannot be effected without the previous consent of Government under rule 30.

7 Whether Mr. Tresslor has sold his manganese mine at Keshapur to Mr.Burrett, I am not in a position to make out. But from examination of the accounts, up to 18th September 1925 as shown to me, I find that Mr. Burrett has paid Mr.Tresslor up to the above date Rs.10,600/-; of this sum Rs.8000/- has been paid by Mr.Burrett as the amount of four shares of Rs.2000/- each taken by him in the New Mysore Prospecting Company - which is the name given by Mr.Tresslor to the firm now working the Keshapur Mines (Enc.4). As to the remaining Rs.2,600/- advanced by Mr.Burrett, no receipt was shown to me.

8 In addition to the above, Mr.Tresslor has advanced Rs.5955/- for the work of the mines as noted in the Account Book. I find that this amount was borrowed by Mr.Tresslor from Mr.Burrett to whom Mr. Tresslor has given pronotes for Rs.6000/-

9 Apparently Mr.Burrett is the principal financier of the mine Mr.Tresslor has also informed me that he has advanced some money to Mr.Fullin Faw - the Mine Superintendent - of which there is no account. Since no account of this money was shown to me, I cannot say any thing about the correctness of this statement.

10 As no sale deed nor the agreement between Messrs.Burrett & Tresslor - under which so much money was advanced - was shown to me, although I demanded for the same, I can not say that the mine has been sold by Mr. Tresslor to Mr. Burrett. But this much is certain as both of them have agreed, the mine is being worked by them conjointly as shareholders, while the Mine Superintendent Mr.Fullin Faw would get a certain share of the profits, on commission basis, if any profit were made at all.

The charges (4),(5) and (6) are against Mr.Sawmi Chetty, stating that he is interested in the working of this Company and

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that he would be paid by Mr.Burrett Rs.4000/- as his share when the license is transferred to Mr.Burrett, and he attended certain meetings of the Company, when this payment was said to have been arranged.

12. I have made personal enquiries in the matter and had talks with the following gentlemen who are amongst those mentioned by Mr.Lynn: (1) Mr.C.M. Tresslor (2) Mr.A.H. Burrett, (3) Mr. Fullin Faw, (4) Mr. Sastri, Chemist and (5) Mr.C.S. Naidu, Advocate. All of them denied that Mr.Sawmy Chetty had any thing to do with this Company or had any interests therein. I asked Messrs. Tresslor & Burrett in the presence of Mr.Lynn about it and they denied this charge against Mr.Sawmy Chetty Mr.Lynn said, at present he was not in a position to prove these charges against Mr.Sawmy Chetty as none of these gentlemen would come forward to substantiate them.

13. As regards the Company and its dissolution, I am informed that it is a Company in name only as it is not a registered body; the only shareholders are Messrs.Tresslor & Burrett at present and Mr. Fullin Faw as Line Superintendent expects to get some part of the profits as his commission, in addition to his pay and allowances. Mr. Fullin Faw admits that he once, without the knowledge of Messrs.Tresslo & Burrett, suggested to Messrs. Smaller B.Peacock and Lynn to join the Company as working partners; but none of these received any shares in the Company and the matter ended there. So also Mr.S.S. Setlur was once asked to join this Company but he refused to do so, as he informs me.

14 As to the meeting on the 19th October 1925, I am told by almost all who are mentioned by Mr.Lynn that Mr.Sawmy Chetty did not attend any such meeting. Mr.Hutchins is not in Bangalore now and I have not been able to find out any information from him. It is on this very day (if I remember correctly) Messrs Tresslor, Burrett, Fullin Faw & C.S. Naidu called on me at amy office to find out the procedure to be adopted in getting the license transferred to Mr.Burrett.

15 Mr.Sawmy Chetty denies all the charges against him and he has submitted a statement to this effect (Encl.5)

16. As the Licensee and the other shareholders of the Company deny these charges and the complainant himself has not yet been able to substantiate them, I can only say that the charge against Mr.Sawmy Chetty about getting money from Mr.Burrett has not been proved and so far it fails to the ground.

17. In this connection however I beg to bring to the notice of Government the following matter which gives me cause to suspect that Mr.Sawmy Chetty may have some interests in matters connected with Messrs. Tresslor & Burrett.

18. I find from the office records that letters to the Revenue Secretary recommending to Government to sanction the grant of certificates of approval to both Messrs. Tresslor and Burrett were signed by Mr.Sawmy Chetty for the Director while he was absent from the station. Also the letter from the Director to Mr. Tresslor to carry on operations on the block, pending the issue of the license, was also signed by Mr. Sawmy Chetty Whether the contents of all these letters were approved by Mr.Jayaram, I am not in a position to say; there are however some drafts in the file initialled by Mr.Sawmy Chetty, relating to the above letters. I find however he signed these letters as well as some others to the Revenue Secretary during the absence of the Director, although there appears no necessity for such haste as these important ~~these~~ letters could have been easily sent to Mr.Jayaram at Camp for his approval and signature.

19 On the 21st March 1925, Mr.Tresslor applied for a revision of the Keshapur and Shivaganga Blocks; and the letter to the Revenue Secretary, recommending to Government to sanction the grant of licenses to Mr.Tresslor over the revised areas as applied for, was signed by Mr. Sawmy Chetty on 28th March 1925, in the absence of Mr.Jayaram from the station. This letter No.1522 was despatched by post on the 31st March 1925 from this office

20. I sent a Memo to the Director from Camp Hanumankatte on the 30th March 1925, stating certain complaints against Mr.Tresslor's agents; and in that memo I also said if the revision was allowed at that stage, it would cut down our areas of examination. This memo reached the Geological Office on the 31st March 1925; it was apparently

opened by Mr.Sawmy Chetty and dealt with by him as Mr.Jayaram was away on tour. It appears nothing was written to Government on the subject on receipt of the memo, and I am not sure if it was forwarded to Mr. Jayaram as there is nothing to show Mr.Jayaram saw the memo. Only a memo in reply was sent to me from the Geological Office on 6th April 1925, saying that the revision of the block was recommended to Government for sanction.

21. Not being satisfied with the reply, I sent another memo to the Director on the 8th April 1925, in which I said "Before the revised block is sanctioned to Mr.Tresslor under a fresh prospecting license, Government may be kindly requested that as the southern part of the revised area is under examination now, no permission should be granted to Mr.Tresslor for work in this southern area until the examination is finished" This was seen by Mr.Jayaram on 15th April 1925; but no further action was taken by him on it.

22. On 18th April 1925, I wrote a D.O. to the Revenue Secretary to Government, stating all the facts about the revision of Mr.Tresslor's area; and on receipt of this, Government passed orders on 30th April 1925, that till orders are passed on the application of Mr.Tresslor for revising the blocks, the new blocks should not be entered upon or any operations started on them. On receipt of this order, necessary instructions were issued to Mr.Tresslor on 15th May 1925 from the Geological Office.

23. To me it appears that Mr.Sawmy Chetty did not take necessary action on my first memo as he ought to have done and he now explains to me he was under the impression that as the recommendation had already gone to Government there was no necessity to write again and that is why no action was taken on my memo. So also my second memo was not taken any notice of, although it was seen by the Director.

24. I regret to state that so much of the Director's power appears to have been delegated by Mr.Jayaram to Mr.Sawmy Chetty, that the latter has not only signed such important letters to Government for certificates of approval, revision of license area &c. but he has also signed some prospecting licenses and maps connected therewith during

during Mr. Jayaram's absence from head quarters.

25. Getting such authorities from the Director, although there is not available any written permission to that effect, it is quite probable Mr. Sawmy Chetty might have been tempted to take some undue interests in some such cases, though beyond the above facts there is nothing else forthcoming to support the charge that he has taken great interests in the affairs of Messrs. Tresslor and Burrett.

26. In view of the above facts I beg to state the complaint of Mr.Lynn has brought to light the method of work of the licensee Mr. C. M. Tresslor and his financial conditions and relations with Mr. Burrett. As they have not produced all the connected papers I have asked Mr.Tresslor for full explanations and to show cause why the permission granted to him should not be withdrawn and the issue of license cancelled under Rule 30 as he has taken Mr.Burrett as a partner, giving him the right to sell the ores, without the consent of Government. I propose to have a detailed examination of his accounts and papers by Mr.Venkataramaiya, Assistant Geologist, before any definite recommendation could be submitted to Government

27. I may add that Mr.P. Lynn appears to be a broker and is not in good circumstances. He seems to have some disagreement with Messrs. Tresslor and Burrett, and having received no help or encouragement from them, as I am told, he has submitted this petition with an idea of exposing all the parties and getting them penalised, if possible.

28. As regards Mr.Sawmy Chetty, I have not been able to get any evidence from Mr.Lynn or any one else cited by him in his letters with regard to the money matters; whatever I have noticed from the office records, I have already pointed out, and submitted for the information of Government. As to the latter, it appears to me he has, without realising the responsibilities of his action abused some of the privileges said to have been delegated to him by Mr. Jayaram, who, if I am permitted to say so should not have given him

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so much latitude in signing such important letters to Government and other documents.

29. The original petition is returned herewith.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. McLean

Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

No 9E, 3858-9 S/M.4

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Geol 51-25-4

To

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The Director of Geology in Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.C.470 dated 17th November 1925 reporting on the petition of Mr.P.Lynn against your Office Assistant Mr Swami Chetty, I am directed to state that it is seen from your report that a considerable amount of latitude had been given to the Office Assistant by the Director in dealing with important matters relating to the Department. As the undue delegation of such powers to the Office Assistant is likely to result in the abuse of the powers by him, Government consider it desirable that the powers and responsibilities of the Office Assistant should be clearly defined so as to guard against such abuse I am accordingly to request you to submit for the approval of Government a draft memo defining the powers, duties &c. of the Office Assistant.

5-12-25
Signed by Mr V.V Chari

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Intld. B. S.

Rev: Secy: to Govt:

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APP. F. VI. Gl.]

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Section Genl

File No. 57-25

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No. 3 Seria No.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To Hon Dir of Genl.

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1/12 Secy to Govt Kenya

Secretary

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No. C/470-2. Dated Bangalore, 15th December 1925.

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From

A. M. Sen, Esquire, M.Sc., F.G.S., &c.,
Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

To

B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.I.C.3858/Geol.51-25-4, dated 5th December 1925, requesting me to submit for the approval of Government a draft Memo defining the powers, duties &c. of the Office Assistant, I have the honour to state as follows.-

2. The Office Assistant as head of the ministerial staff of the office is responsible for the general efficiency of the clerks and for the proper and efficient work of the office. These duties are laid down in the Departmental Manual which after revision will be submitted to Government for their approval.

The delegation of powers to the Office Assistant, as stated in my report, referred to, has probably arisen from the following two Government Orders :-

(1) No.G.3589-90/Geol.6-15-16, dated 13th September 1916.

(2) No.I.C.7719-20/Geol.130-24-2, dated 13th May 1925.

The first order authorised the Registrar of this Department to sign for the Director all communications of ordinary routine nature including pay bills &c., except those addressed to Government which may

be signed by the Registrar during the absence of the Director from Head Quarters.

4. The second order authorises the Office Assistant to sign all bills for the Director in urgent cases during the absence of the Director from Head Quarters, the office copies of such bills being submitted by him to the Director forthwith for his information and approval

5. Under these orders the Office Assistant is authorised to sign for the Director all communications of ordinary routine and all bills in urgent cases, and communications addressed to Government may be signed by him during the absence of the Director from Head Quarters.

6. In view of the irregularities which have happened as pointed out by me in my report. I beg to submit that the first order of Government of 13th September 1916 requires modification and the following draft is submitted for the favourable consideration of Government:-

1 The Office Assistant may sign all bills for the Director in urgent cases during the absence of the Director from Head Quarters the office copies of such bills being submitted by him to the Director forthwith for his information and approval.

(This is the same as the Government Order of 13th May 1925)

2. The Office Assistant may usually sign for the Director communications of ordinary routine nature except those addressed to Government; and only during the absence of the Director from Head Quarters, he may sign letters to Government in response to requisitions of an urgent nature or letters to Government requiring immediate reply from them, office copies of all such letters being soon after sent to the Director at camp for his information and approval.

3. All communications to Government, forwarding recommendations to Government for the grant of certificates of approval, and for the grant of all kinds of licenses (Collecting, Exploring and Prospecting) and Mining Leases, or for the sanction of revision of areas in connection with the licenses or leases, already applied for, are to be signed by the Director. If the Director happens to be away from Head Quarters, such papers

papers may be forwarded to him at his camp address for his approval and signature, as usually in such cases a few days delay in postal transit would not materially interfere with the interests of the parties cooncerned.

4. All Certificates of Approval, licenses (Collecting, Exploring & Prospecting) and their renewals as well as the maps and plans connected with the licenses and leases are to be signed by the Director.

7. If these measures, defining the powers and duties of the Office Assistant, are approved by Government, I feel sure the irregularities noticed will be properly safe-guarded against and the chances of any probable abuse of power will be greatly minimised.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

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Section Ecl

File No. 57-25

Diary No. of letter replied to 3156

Serial No. 6

No. 17430 s-

To the Dir of Ecl

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir

Date of issue 26/12/25

Signed by Mr V.V

With reference to clause 1 of para 6 of your letter No. C/470-2 of 15-12-25 stating that the officiating Coroner may be empowered to sign all bills for the Dir in urgent cases during the absence of the Dir from Head Quarters, I am directed to request you to furnish for the information of Govt the details

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the Secretary of State's early reply is requested

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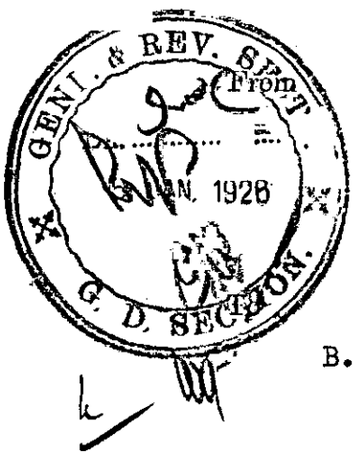

A. M. SEN, Esq., M.Sc., F.G.S., &c.,
*Offg. Director, Mysore Geological Department.*

B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No.I.C.4308/Geol 51-25-6, dated 26th December 1925, I have the honour state that the classes of bills that the Office Assistant may be empowered to sign during my absence are i - Establishment Salary Bills.

ii - Detailed Contingent bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. M. Sen

Offg. Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

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**Section** Genl.

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*Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

Date of issue 21-1-26 M.

Signed by Mr V.V

Go no G 3589-90 Fin. 6-15-16 dt 15-9-16 authorising the Regr. Fin. expenditure for which all communications of an urgent nature including Gazetted be addressed Genl.

May this be

i Printed ?

ii treated as a standing order ?

iii published in the Gazette, English Part ?

iv translated ?

placed at the disposal of the press ?

vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?

*Read*— G.O no 9 C. 7719-20 Genl. 13-5-24-2 dated the 13th May 1925 authorising the office Assistant to the Director of Genl to sign ~~all~~ bills for the Director of Genl in urgent cases during subordinate Conditions.

Correspondence ending with letter no C.670-4 dated the 5th January 1926 from the Offg: Dir: of Geology ~~Order Thereon No.~~ Submitting his proposals ~~opinion~~ as to the powers that may be delegated to the office Assistant

Order I.C 5096-7

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To the Dir of Geology
Comptroller &c &c

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